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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONSE TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S
PROPOSALS ON WFC FOLLOW-UP

FOR U.S. DELEGATION TO FAO COUNCIL

REF: A. ROME 16264; B.16361 ROME; C. ROME 16362

1. WE AGREE COUNCIL SHOULD AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
TO INITIATE PREPARATIONS WHERE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT WFC
RESOLUTIONS SPECIFICALLY CALLING FOR FAO ACTION AND TO
BEGIN EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS WITH UN, ECOSOC AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WHERE JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES
INVOLVING FAO ARE CALLED FOR IN WFC RESOLUTIONS. WE BELIEVE
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COUNCIL SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, AUTHORIZE DG TO MAKE FIRM

COMMITMENTS OF FAO FINANCIAL OR OTHER RESOURCES WITHOUT ITS PRIOR APPROVAL. DELEGATION SHOULD ACTIVELY SUPPORT SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION TO BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR (FEBRUARY-MARCH) TO CONSIDER DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR WFC FOLLOW-UP TO BE FRAMED BY DG.

2. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT NOT TO JEOPARDIZE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME WFC BY WHAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS BUREAUCRATIC POWER PLAY IN ADVANCE OF ECOSOC AND UNGA DECISIONS ON NUMEROUS PROPOSED ACTIONS. ECOSOC COULD HAVE MATTER BEFORE IT AS EARLY AS NOVEMBER 29 AND GA SOON THEREAFTER. US DEL SHOULD MAKE CLEAR USG DESIRES TO PROCEED WITH WFC IMPLEMENTATION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO SECURE FULLEST COOPERATION WITHIN AGENCIES CONCERNED. STRONG PUSH BY ANY ONE AGENCY PRIOR COMPLETION OF UN AND ECOSOC REVIEWS COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

3. US DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY FOLLOWING ON SPECIFIC PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY BOERMA:

(A) WORLD FOOD SECURITY. WE CONCUR IN US DEL RECOMMENDATIONS REF C THAT AD HOC CONSULTATIONS ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY SHOULD BE LIMITED TO CONSIDERING TERMS OF REFERENCE (AS OUTLINED IN WFC RESOLUTION) FOR ESTABLISHING FAO WORLD FOOD SECURITY WHEN APPROVED BY FAO CONGRESS. SCENARIO ELABORATED ROME 16417 IS ACCEPTABLE WITH TWO MODIFICATIONS--DELEGATION SHOULD NOT NOW AGREE TO MORE THAN ONE AD HOC CONSULTATION (TO BE HELD IN MAY), AND THERE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ADVANCE MEETING OF GOVERNMENTS ACCEPTING UNDERTAKING. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT PRE-MATURE AND BROAD MEETINGS ON UNDERTAKING, ESPECIALLY OF PARTICIPANTS, MAY INTERFERE WITH DEVELOPMENT OF RESERVES COORDINATING GROUP. WE LOOK TOLATTER AS MAIN MECHANISM FOR PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF PRINCIPLES IN UNDERTAKING. FYI. ATTEMPT NOW BEING MADE TO SCHEDULE IN LAST WEEK OF JANUARY MEETING IN LONDON OF MAJOR EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS TO LAY BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR RESERVES ARRANGEMENT. ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BEGIN AS EARLY AS APRIL. END FYI. IT SHOULD ALSO BE CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT ENVISAGE SPECIAL SESSION OF FAO COUNCIL, IF HELD, TO DEAL FURTHER WITH WORLD FOOD SECURITY MATTERS

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(B) COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. DEL SHOULD TAKE POSITION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AQUINO, RATHER THAN FAO, SHOULD TAKE LEAD IN DEVELOPING PROPOSALS FOR RECONSTITUTING WFP INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE. HE SHOULD CONSULT UN/SYG AND DG/FAO WITH VIEW PRESENTING JOINTLY AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCUSSION MARCH IGC, JUNE FAO COUNCIL AND SUMMER ECOSOC SESSIONS. RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE DEVELOPED SHOULD INCLUDE PROPOSED MEMBER-

SHIP AND HOW WIDER OBJECTIVES ENVISAGED BY WFC FOR THIS COMMITTEE ARE TO BE HANDLED.

(C) WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. AGREE DG SHOULD BE GIVEN SOME LATITUDE IN NEGOTIATING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR COUNCIL, WHEN IT IS ESTABLISHED. OUT OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD COME RECOMMENDATIONS BY DG FOR COUNCIL DECISIONS ON SIZE AND TYPE OF STUFFING REQUIRED.

(D) INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AGREE THAT ANY INITIATIVES BY DG TO OFFER TO SERVICE FUND OR CO-SPONSOR CONSULTATIVE GROUP PREMATURE AND SHOULD AWAIT DECISIONS TO BE MADE BY UN/SYG.

(E) CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND

INVESTMENT. DG SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO COOPERATE WITH IBRD AND UNDP, AS ENVISAGED BY WFC, IN ORGANIZING AND STAFFING THE CGFPI.

(F) FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES. AGREE THIS WORK SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED AND THESE PLANS SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY COAG AND PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES.

(G) RESEARCH. DG SHOULD CONSULT WITH OTHER CGIAR SPONSORING AGENCIES AND PRESENT DETAILED PLANS TO PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES ON INCREASED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE.

(H) INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. WE SUPPORT DG PROPOSALS WITH REQUEST DG DEVELOP INFORMATION DOCUMENT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO EXPAND ON PRESENT FAO SYSTEM. DEL SHOULD SEEK INFORMATION ON EXPECTED EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

(I) NUTRITION. DG SHOULD PURSUE PLANS TO PREPARE PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR INSECTORAL FOOD AND NUTRITION PLANNING AND GLOBAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AND SUBMIT THESE TO JUNE COUNCIL MEETING. WITH RESPECT TO REARRANGEMENTS
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OR NEW INSTITUTIONS FOR NUTRITION FOLLOWUP, DOES NOT APPEAR GOVERNMENTS CAN GIVE DG ANY MEANINGFUL GUIDANCE ON HIS PRESENTATION TO ECOSOC BEFORE JUNE COUNCIL MEETING.

(J) REVIEW OF WFC RECOMMENDATIONS. BELIEVE DG SHOULD UNDERTAKE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSIDER THESE IN LIGHT FAO'S ONGOING PROGRAM OF WORK. THESE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW BY APPROPRIATE FAO COMMITTEES AND PRESENTED TO JUNE 1975 COUNCIL. WITH REGARD DG EXPENDITURES ON FOLLOW-UP BETWEEN NOW AND SPRING 1975, BELIEVE HE SHOULD GIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO PRIORITIES AND ATTEMPT TO MEET MOST NECESSARY ITEMS THROUGH PROGRAM SAVINGS IN REGULAR BUDGET. CURRENCY SAVINGS SHOULD BE USED ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES AND,

IF NECESSARY, MEETING DATES OF THESE BODIES MIGHT BE
ADVANCED TO PROVIDE THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSULTATION. INGERSOLL

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